and the cost of Phase-IB is Rs. 339 crores. As per the latest information, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is extending its support by contributing land for the project as also external linkage infrastructure and airport approach road. Besides this, power and water supply are also to be made available by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

New International Airports

2369. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc opening new international airports keeping in view the "Open Sky Policy" to facilitate tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the domestic airports which have been identified for further development as international airports; and

(d) what arc the details of the plans for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) There is no 'Open Sky Policy' for passenger traffic. In addition to the earlier five international airports, the Government has declared the airports at Bangalore, Goa, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Amritsar, Ahmedabad and the new Cochin Airport at Nedumbassery as international airports with effect from 23.5.2000. Proposals for development of new international airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad, and Devanhalli near Bangalore, in lieu of the existing airports have been approved. Declaration of an airport as international airport will depend upon traffic potential and demand from airlines for operation of international flights. At present, there is no proposal to declare any other airport as international airport. However the airports at Calicut, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Lucknow and Varanasi arc having limited international operations and facilities arc being upgraded accordingly.